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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HODES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes on June 8, 2009. I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall vote 311—H.R. 1736—International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009 (Representative BAIRD—Science and Technology)—“yea.”

(2) Rollcall vote 312—H.R. 1709—STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009 (Representative GORDON—Science and Technology)—“yea.”

(3) Rollcall vote 313—H. Res. 420—Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day (Representative LATT—Oversight and Government Reform)—“aye.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained and was unable to vote on Thursday, the 4th of June. Had I been present, I would have voted: “No” on rollcall vote No. 309, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 626.

“Yea” on Final Passage of H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 8, 2009, I was not present for 3 recorded votes. Please let the record show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 311—“yea,” Roll No. 312—“yea,” Roll No. 313—“yea.”

IN HONOR OF JAMES E. LEIGHTY,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, USMC

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel James E. Leighty, USMC, upon his retirement after twenty years of service to the Marine Corps and to the Nation. My initial experience with Lt. Col. Leighty was when he was selected to serve as a Congressional Fellow in my office

in 2004. During this period, he displayed a dedication to duty and a maturity that represent the finest attributes of the men and women wearing our Nation's uniform. After completing his fellowship, Lt. Col. Leighty was assigned to the Pentagon, assuming the vitally important position as the principal Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he was the primary source of information and education regarding Marine Corps programs for the Members and staff of the Congress' Appropriations Committees. Lt. Col. Leighty was instrumental in articulating Marine Corps requirements on a wide range of issues, from the needs of our Wounded Warriors and their families to the requirements of Marines on the front lines in Iraq.

In addition, Lt. Col. Leighty often accompanied Members of Congress and their staff on official travel to various locations around the world. During these trips, he was always focused, enthusiastic and totally knowledgeable on the Marine Corps. He provided valuable insights to all those he accompanied.

Lt. Col. Leighty was born in Roseburg, OR and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1989 with a degree in Economics and Political Science, and received his commission through the NROTC program. His various assignments included a tour as a Budget Officer with the Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, VA, Deputy Comptroller for the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Comptroller for the 12th Marine Corps District aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and analyst within Programs & Resources, Headquarters Marine Corps. He has attended the Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Lt. Col. Leighty's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to express my sincere thanks for his hard work, selfless service, and dedication to the Marine Corps. I want to personally wish him and Jayne continued success in all their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF RONALD LAW

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ronald Law, a dedicated public servant of New York.

Ronald Law has spent his career in both public and private sectors as an advocate for education, health care, community development, business management and human rights. Mr. Law has held key positions in city, state and federal government. He has served two governors, a United States Senator and New York City Mayor. He has an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz and is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Law began his career in 1976 as a member of the advance and scheduling team for the mayoral candidacy of then Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton. In 1978 he

joined the staff of Governor Hugh L. Carey, as a confidential assistant. In July of 1985 Mr. Law was appointed Executive Director of the Paul Robeson Health Organization in Central Harlem, a fee-for-service health care facility offering 32 medical services. Upon leaving the Paul Robeson Health Organization, he became the Executive Director of the Center for the City, an organization sponsored by the New York City Council of Churches. Mr. Law directed IDS education, drug prevention, emergency shelter and community outreach for this organization.

In 1990, Governor Mario M. Cuomo appointed Mr. Law Director of the New York State Crisis Prevention Unit within the New York State Division of Human Rights. In 1993, Mr. Law joined the staff of the U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as the New York Regional Director. In 1996, he joined Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's administration as the chief of staff for Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington. Today he is the Director of Intergovernmental Relations for Metro Plus Health Plan, a subsidiary of the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation.

Mr. Law is a member of the New Paltz Foundation which raises funds for scholarships, campus programs and student/faculty mentoring experiences. Mr. Law has published an article on health care in The Review of Black Political Economy.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ronald Law and his many contributions to New York.

KAITLYN MAZZONE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaitlyn Mazzone who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kaitlyn Mazzone is a senior at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaitlyn Mazzone is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kaitlyn Mazzone for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

HONORING SCOTT ROWE FOR HIS
APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED
STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from